

## Quick Read

### Benelux

#### Gas prices drop

Mainz-Kastell - The Army Air Force Exchange Service announced gas prices dropped slightly in June. The new Benelux fuel prices went into effect June 1. In The Netherlands, fuel prices for super unleaded dropped six cents to \$2.45 per gallon. Super plus unleaded and diesel dropped nine and 13 cents to \$2.68 and \$2.54 respectively. In Belgium, 200 liter fuel card will cost \$111.89 for grade 95, \$118.22 for grade 98 and \$127.08 for diesel, reflecting a cost of \$2.11 per gallon for grade 95, \$2.23 per gallon for grade 98 and \$2.40 for diesel reflecting a decrease of 23 cents per gallon for gasoline and a seven cent drop for diesel.

### SHAPE/Chièvres

#### Survey due

The MWR Leisure Needs Assessment Survey response date is extended to June 17. The time has come to evaluate the MWR programs within the USAG Chièvres, including SHAPE facilities. If you have received a survey, please complete it and return it using the supplied envelope, or go online to [www.ArmyMWRSurvey.com](http://www.ArmyMWRSurvey.com). If you would like to participate, please call DSN 361-5904.

## New airplane



The P-47 Thunderbolt flew from Chièvres Air Base to support Allied operations during World War II. To recognize this contribution, the Thunderbolt has replaced the Meteor aircraft in our publication's logo atop the front page. The name Meteor will remain in honor of the Belgian contributions to the Allied Forces.

# 'Easy Company' vets visit Benelux community

**By J.D. Hardesty**

Decades have past since these 18 Soldiers fought through Normandy, in The Netherlands and the Ardennes Forest, but there veracity and spirit continues to build mettle among today's warriors and forge patriots from those they meet.

Many call them heroes from America's greatest generation.

When one SHAPE High School student explained that they where true heroes and asked them "What does it feel like to be American heroes?" Herb Suerth, the youngest member addressed the crowd of 600 by saying, "The true heroes died on the battlefield, we're just the ones that made it home."

While some call them modern-day heroes, Roy Gates, another member of the famed unit explained, "I don't even know what that is, but the 14 names on the monument in Bizory, near Bastogne, those are the real heroes."

While they may feel like "ordinary citizens who just answered their nation's call to arms," author Stephen E. Ambrose's novel and director Steven Spielberg's Home Box Office series titled "Band of Brothers" has clearly place the survivors of "Easy Company"

in the world's limelight.

Belgian citizens dedicated a memorial in Bizory, Belgium June 10, to honor all of the Company E, 506th Parachute Infantry Regiment, 101st Airborne Division



PHOTO: Vanessa Thonnard

**A new monument was unveiled in Bizory, Belgium June 10 to honor Co. E, 506th Parachute Infantry Regiment, 101st Airborne Division in their fight to liberate Belgium during World War II. Eighteen "Easy Company" veterans returned for the ceremony.**

ence to the 101st Airborne Division's "Screaming Eagle" crest.

On the right marble slab, their story entitled "May the world never forget."

People from all over the Benelux converged at the Community Activity Center on Chièvres Air Base to pay honor to those survivors who fought so gallantly 60 years ago.

A simple heartfelt "thank you" was oftentimes gripping the throats of several in the audience as they tried to steady themselves to finish their laudatory comments and questions.

And the veterans seemed humbled at the question of how they felt when they were approached about having a movie made about their lives on the battlefields of WWII. Suerth replied, "all of us owe a great debt to Stephen Ambrose. He took a lot of our stories and put them together into a novel."


When asked about the book and movie's authenticity to actual events that occurred during their fighting days in Europe, Darrel "Shifty" Powers, another member of the "Band of

## Gaines to lead 80th ASG's NCO Corps

**By J.D. Hardesty**

Command Sgt. Major John M. Gaines, Jr., will lead the 80th Area Support Group's Noncommissioned Officers Corps, replacing Command Sgt. Maj. Jose Rogers in a change of responsibility ceremony May 31 in Chièvres, Belgium.

Gaines, who is already familiar with the 80th having served two years as the command sergeant major for the 254th Base Support Battalion in Schinnen, The Netherlands, has nearly 24 years of



**Gaines**

Army service. This is his second 80th ASG assignment. In 1991, he served as the supply and services division noncommissioned officer-in-charge and administrative NCO to the U.S. mission to NATO.

The native of Providence, Rhode Island has served in various NCO and leadership positions throughout his career in various stateside installations including a tour to Hawaii, as well as deployments to Egypt, Haiti (for Operation Uphold Democracy), Bosnia (as part of the Implementation Force (IFOR), Germany and Korea.

Command Sgt. Maj. Rogers' next assignment is with the U.S. Army Sergeants Major Academy at Fort Bliss, Texas.





Col. Dean A. Nowowiejski  
80th ASG Commander

Let me take this chance to write about marks of community success. We have seen several signs of how our Benelux communities are vibrant and healthy places to live and work lately, and it's time to "smell the roses." There will always be problems, issues to work, and

# Nowowiejski Notes

difficult people to work with, so when we are making progress, we need to stop and celebrate.

First, let's talk about the Class of 2005 from our 3 high schools within this extended community: SHAPE American, AFNORTH International, and Brussels American. Between them, we have almost 150 young people who graduated from high school and entered the next phase of their lives, a bright future. Jan and I were privileged to attend two of these graduations, and what a celebration of life, victory, and hope they were. Since our children also attended DoDDs overseas high school, we know first hand the value of the broadening experience of study in a foreign country. But here in the Benelux, all 3 of our high schools have an additional positive advantage, that of international students within each class. Our graduating se-

niors have laughed, cried, and formed strong friendships with youth of other nations and other cultures as part of their high school experience. What an advantage. I extend heartfelt congratulations to the graduating Seniors and to their families, friends, and mentors. We are proud of you, Class of 2005.

Second, with just a week notice, this week we saw the Community Activities Center at Chievres Air Base filled by community representatives from Chievres, SHAPE, Brussels, Schinnen, and Brunssum. They came to honor E Company of the 506th Parachute Infantry Regiment, 101st Airborne Division, the "Band of Brothers." Almost 20 surviving members of this World War II infantry company, with a busload of family and friends, came to Belgium to dedicate a monument to their fallen in the Battle of the Bulge at Bizory. They

stopped here enroute, at an air base where two Army Air Corps fighter squadrons flew P47 Thunderbolts in support of ground troops during fighting in the Ardennes, December 1944 and January 1945. Several hundred of you met the Band of Brothers: servicemembers, U.S. civilian employees, host national employees, family members, retirees, and students from our schools. There was a genuine sense of community, honor, and appreciation as you endured bad acoustics (we will work on them) and lines to get autographs. It just solidified in my mind how responsive, healthy and large a family we have in support of Americans in NATO, as you honored our warriors from the past. This same sense of honor was portrayed by your strong response to the Memorial Day ceremonies we just held, particularly at Flanders Field.

Thank you for being growing and healthy communities. Let's enjoy our success.

# Railcar work, power lines a dangerous mix

07 May 2005  
Safety Alert  
Another Railcar Electrocution

Last weekend an officer in charge of a railcar-movement operation touched or came too close to an overhead power line. This happened while the Soldier was climbing on an armored vehicle loaded on a railcar. The Soldier now has electrical burns on about 70 percent of his body. The accident is under investigation and many details are unknown, but one fact is clear: climbing on loaded railcars is dangerous.

When I took command of USAREUR in 2002, I issued Bell Sends #1 about Deployment Safety. In it, I specifically addressed the dangers of coming too close to overhead power lines. Within 90 days after that message was issued, a Soldier conducting security checks on vehicles on a railcar came into contact with power lines and was severely burned. Two months ago, a German youth was electrocuted and killed while climbing on one of our armored vehicles loaded on a railcar.

In Bell Sends #20-05, I asked you to review AE Regulation 55-4 and AE Pamphlet 385-15 to familiar-



Gen. B. B. Bell

ize yourselves with USAREUR policy that prohibits climbing on loaded railcars. That policy is clear: From the time a train is being loaded for departure to the time it is ready to be unloaded, no one will climb on the railcars or on the loaded vehicles for any purpose. Leaders—officers and

NCOs alike—must lead by example and enforce this policy. Only through leader engagement will we finally see an end to the needless tragedies associated with rail overhead power lines. Reiterate and reemphasize this policy to prevent any future tragedies: Leaders, ensure your Soldiers and civilian employees understand this policy and the hazards of overhead power lines. All Soldiers and civilians supporting rail operations or performing security duties on

trains must adhere to this policy. **Remember—Electricity flowing through an overhead rail line can arc as much as three feet to a human body.**

**It is not necessary to touch the powerline or even come close to it—Get within three feet and you will likely be electrocuted.**

Soldiers and civilians, talk to your families and make sure they understand this policy and the dangers of violating it. I want to ensure your children's safety by ensuring they understand the dangers of climbing on railcars.

Make sure everyone in your organization and in your family reads this message. Keeping one another safe is critical to our well-being and our readiness as we continue to execute with excellence Any Mission, Anywhere!

*B.B. Bell*

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General, US Army  
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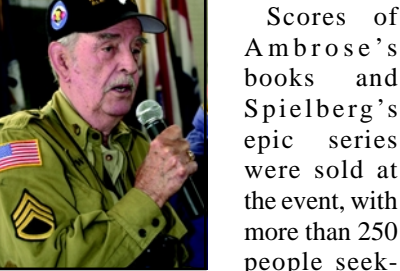
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Brothers” who returned to Bastogne in December for the 60th Anniversary of the Battle of the Bulge, explained how the HBO series was fundamentally accurate, “although Hollywood did dramatize some scenes.”

And, Suerth added, he is often asked about the “language” used in the movie when he talks to high school students about his experiences. He explained, “we didn’t cuss as much as they did in the movie.”



**Powers**  
ends autographs after the presentation was over.

Scores of Ambrose’s books and Spielberg’s epic series were sold at the event, with more than 250 people seeking the leg-



Photo: J.D. Hardesty

**Two Soldiers serving generations apart, Paul C. Rogers, Company E, 506th Regiment, 101st Airborne Division (Easy Company World War II veteran), and Sgt. Larry Fitzpatrick, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 80th Area Support Group, share a laugh as Rogers and 17 of his “Band of Brothers” sign autographs for the estimated 600 people who came from across the Benelux to the Community Activity Center on Chièvres Air Base, Belgium, June 9, to thank the octogenarian celebrities made famous by author Stephen E. Ambrose and Steven Spielberg.**

As far as understanding the significance of their fight and fortitude during the Battle of the Bulge, Earl McClung recounted, “We knew we were fighting the Germans, we knew the battle was everywhere around us and we were told to just hold our positions.

“There were so many stories that we were never told and we didn’t find out about much of what went on during the war until we returned home,” he said.

Shifty responded, “We knew the Germans were making a major push toward the northern ports and when we stopped them I thought that might be the turning point of the war.

“Once we where in Bastogne, we thought we had stopped the Germans...which we had,” he said.

Each person attending the event seemed to take away something a little more personal than just talking to war veterans.

Patrick Smet, a Belgian working for the provost marshal’s office, explained how honored he was to meet some of the men who fought to liberate his country. “I am here to pay honor to them and to thank them for what they have done for Belgium, but I am also here for my father and my grandfather,” he said. “My grandfather fought the

same war and, though both have passed away since, their generations understood the cost of freedom.”

Some Soldiers serving in the 80th ASG’s Color Guard team had the opportunity to visit face-to-face with the now famous celebrities.

Pfc. Robert Brimmer, a military policeman assigned to Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 80th Area Support Group took several lessons away

from his visit with the veterans.

“Meeting them is surreal; I knew their story, now I know them,” he said. “This helps me connect more with my grandfather who was an Army Air Corps veteran working on the P-51 Mustangs in the Pacific theater during WWII.

“When I read the book and watch the movie I understand the historical significance of the battles, but meeting them makes that history more personal.

“I remember their names from the movie, but when I actually met them face-to-face, I’m able to associate who they are, what they’ve done and how their contributions have afforded me my freedom.”

Roy Gates, who speaks to different groups and goes into schools to read to children, explained to Brimmer that he tells the school children “don’t ever take your freedom for granted, always be prepared to fight for it.”

“He is absolutely right,” Brimmer said. “They fought for our freedom and I don’t take that for granted. If not for men like that, those who are willing to give their lives for our nation’s freedom, for the world’s freedom.... They are humble real live heroes who will tell you ‘they were just doing their job. That’s incredible.’”

Alan Gent, an evaluator with the 80th ASG’s Internal Review office was surprised to see so many SHAPE High school students were so in tune to the veterans stories. “Being a part of a military family stationed overseas, I think many of the students realize that with U.S. forces deploying to Iraq and Afghanistan, these veterans stories could easily be their parents stories years from now.”



Photo: Vanessa Thonnard

**Easy Company’s Darrel “Shifty” Powers reads the names of his fallen brothers in arms after the unveiling June 10, of the new memorial in Bizory, Belgium commemorating Company E, 506th Regiment, 101st Airborne Division sacrifices during the Battle of the Bulge.**

The names on the memorial:

- John T. Julian
- Warren H. Muck
- Alex M. Pankala
- Carl. C. Sawosko
- John E. Shindel
- Harold D. Webb
- Kenneth J. Webb
- Harold G. Hayes
- Donald B. Hoobler
- Francis J. Mellett
- A.P. Herron
- Patrick H. Neil
- Richard J. Hughes
- Eugene E. Jackson



Photo: J.D. Hardesty

**Easy Company veterans, 80th Area Support Group Soldiers tour the Chièvres International Air Base Museum June 10 at a reception held in Company E, 506th Regiment, 101st Airborne Division honor. The museum, designed and built by volunteers is designed as the fuselage of an airplane and includes memorabilia from every nation that used the base built during WWI.**

### Meteor-Heraut Deadline and Publication Dates

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Copy is due at noon



## Soldiers prepare for 21st Century battlefield

By J.D. Hardesty

MARCHE-EN-FAMENNE, Belgium - To survive on the 21st Century's battlefield today's Soldiers need to train for all types of combat.

In a history-making, precedent-setting partnership with the Belgian military, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 80th Area Support Group Soldiers received Military Operations in Urban Terrain training June 9, at Camp Roi Albert.

"No matter how we transform in the future there will always be a demand for quality training areas to meet Soldiers' training needs," said Lt. Col. Scott Glass, director of Plans, Training, Mobilization and Security for the 80th ASG. "We are grateful the Belgian military in helping us do what we need to do to keep our Soldiers' skillsets ready."

Whether combat arms, combat support or service support, deploying downrange to support the Global War on Terrorism can put any Soldier. For 80th ASG Soldiers, urban environments are likely where they would deploy to support any NATO mission.

Staff Sgt. John M. Thompson, senior desk sergeant for the Provost Marshal Office developed the precision room-clearing training from his Military Occupational Skill techniques.

"These techniques are needed when combatants and noncombatants are mixed together much like we see in Afghanistan and Iraq," he said. "So we are developing speed, audacity and stealth skills much like a police S.W.A.T. team would use."

"Everyone must have the basic skills on the battlefield," said 80th ASG Command Sgt. Maj. John Gaines, Jr., as he visited the Soldiers in the field. "MOS is irrelevant, that is why we are out here training... its



Photo: J.D. Hardesty

**Sgt. Evadne Hagigal jumps through a window as 80th ASG Soldiers conduct Military Operations in Urban Terrain training June 9, at Camp Roi Albert in Marche-en-Famenne, Belgium.**

important. We need to get every 80th ASG unit involved in this type of training because field-craft skills shouldn't be sharpened behind a desk.

"No one is exempt from going downrange in sup-

port of NATO and U.S. Army missions," he said. "Not even the command sergeant major of the Benelux. We are in a service and sustainment environment right now, but with future deployments, just because you aren't called upon now doesn't mean you won't be. We need to train our Soldiers to standard and we need to train our Soldiers to survive."

And 80th ASG Soldiers have seen deployments from their ranks.

"We could get pulled for a deployment as needed with just a 'Hey you'," said Sgt. Larry Fitzpatrick, a supply sergeant with six years wearing camouflage and boots under his kevlar helmet. "This type of MOUT training is good for the type of war we are fighting in Afghanistan and Iraq."

Other Soldiers had similar thoughts.

"Our current battlefields are in small and large communities," said Sgt. Evadne Hagigal, the only female attending the field exercise. "Regardless of gender, it's important the training is the same. It builds confidence and spells out the message of an Army of One."

Some Soldiers have never conducted MOUT training. "I have never done this type of training before," said Spec. Ronald Canty, a motor transport operator for the 80th. "This is the type of training I will need if I deploy in these days of war... that's why it is great training."

Besides the MOUT training, 80th Soldiers conducted marksmanship training and qualified with German weapons as well nonlethal hand-to-hand combat, a night fire mission, a 19-station obstacle course, NBC simulator and chamber, unique improvised explosive devices and a class on the psychological mind-set of fighting Al-Quida.

## Bell leads procession to new chapel

Story by Rick Haverinen

When 80th Area Support Group chaplains had the dedication ceremony for the newly renovated chapel on Daumerie Caserne, they chose to have one of the bells from the previous chapel lead a procession.

About 50 people walked the short distance from the old to new buildings May 25, and two chaplain's assistants pushed a specially made framework for "Dominique," the smaller of the original two bells.

Dominique and her larger sister, "Marie," named after Our Lady of Lorette, were commissioned in 1960 by members of the Belgian Air Force's 7th Wing, which was in residence at Daumerie Caserne at that time.

The bells were made to honor Lt. Matthieu Thys, a pilot in the 7th Wing's Acrobat Patrol, who was killed rehearsing a fighter jet stunt just days before an air show on Chièvres Air Base.

The bell Dominique was named for Thys' daughter.

Chaplain A. Fazius, Belgian chaplain at SHAPE, asked in 1978, "When you hear them ring, please think of all those who died on the base, and also of the children who lost their fathers here, and pray for them."



**Dominique Thys rings the bell named after her on Daumerie Caserne in 1960.**

The symbol of the Belgian Air Force 7th Wing is three birds made from folded paper, symbolizing the three flights that formed the wing. The symbols were cast into the metal of both bells.

Eventually the new American chapel will have a tower to properly display these resounding examples of Belgian military legacy.

The May 25 ceremony featured messages by Chaplain (Col.) Vincent Inghilterra, Command Chaplain, European Command; Chaplain (Col.) Ronald Strong, outgoing Command Chaplain for Installation Management Agency-Europe; and Chaplain (Col.) Sherill Munn, incoming Command Chaplain for IMA-E.

Inghilterra offered a quotation by Chief Crazy Horse, "A very great vision is needed, and the man who has it must follow it as the eagle seeks the deepest blue of the sky."

Inghilterra said that a great vision requires a symbol.

"Take this uniform I am wearing," Inghilterra said, "it represents a whole way of life. So it is

with this chapel which we dedicate to the Glory of God today. It is a hallowed and sacred space where visions can be renewed, hope restored, and personal worth and value reaffirmed."



Photo: Rick Haverinen

**The Belgian Air Force 7th Wing chapel bell "Dominique" has a prominent position as Col. Dean Nowowiejski, Commander of the 80th Area Support Group, welcomes the audience at the May 25 chapel dedication ceremony on Daumerie Caserne. Seated left to right are Chaplain (Col.) Vincent Inghilterra, European Command; Chaplain (Col.) Sherill Munn, Installation Management Agency-Europe; and Chaplain (Col.) Sidney Marceaux, 80th Area Support Group.**



# USAG Brussels Tri-Mission News

## Top-of-the-line technology class

By J.D. Hardesty

BRUSSELS - Graduating high school is one of the first steps for today's youth to build a future, but not every child will be a class valedictorian.

That's why top-of-the-line technology courses, like Brussels American School's new computer aided drafting (CAD) course is so important.

"Our students are required to take one year of an occupational elective," said Eric Westland, a first-year teacher at the school supporting NATO and U.S. Army Garrison Brussels youth.

While the course is "geared toward students not going to college," to give them entry-level employment skills, Westland said the elective is a "college-prep class" typically taught at a college level.

"The software used in technology is the same we're using to teach our students," he said. "It is the same architectural engineering software used to design houses and the Freedom Tower."

Westland explained that for the students, "math comes alive. Geometry, objects and space become relevant for students" as they grasp the necessary tools it will



Photo: J.D. Hardesty

**Eric Westland, gives freshman student Elizabeth McVicker instruction in his computer aided drafting class, a course that was added the school's curriculum this year.**

take to move into such fields as architecture, engineering, interior design, mapping and the medical field.

Westland, who taught for 26 years in the states and uses computer-generated lessons to build a self-paced program in his classes, also teaches a middle school exploratory class, digital imaging and web design.

"All lessons are delivered on-line because the technology is changing too fast. Textbooks would be outdated before we could teach from them," he said referring to the ever-developing software changes in the industry.

"We keep challenging students and they keep rising to the occasion," he said. "With the assistance of Department of the Defense Schools supplying us with state-of-the-art software, we are way ahead of the software I was teaching with in the states."

"Our students have no fear of technology," he said.

For Mike Zupi, a junior at the school, taking the class is all about being competitive.

"Computer aided drafting is still an up-and-coming field in business," he said. "By taking these type of courses we will be able to compete for future jobs."

## Plancarte revives NSA's BOSS program

By J.D. Hardesty

BRUSSELS - Military police are used to answering a call for help while on duty, but one NATO Support Activity MP recently responded to a call to revive the community's Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers program.

Spec. Anastacia Plancarte, secretary and unit representative for BOSS, recently joined forces with Staff Sgt. Joe Bockin, president of the organization, to form a new council for the program.

Plancarte represented NSA's program at the week-

long European Boss Conference recently held in Schwetzingen, Germany. She received second place for "Best Event" for a small installation for her presentation of the group's Easter celebration involvement.

"There hasn't been a lot of involvement in our BOSS program," she said. "We currently have no monthly meetings."

Plancarte said the program's single Soldiers help set up at sporting events and do volunteer work but there is little camaraderie or activities.

"We are developing the

council and starting monthly meetings to get people involved," said Plancarte who has only been in the Army for 18 months. "We have four council members who are starting to set new goals for the year, but it is difficult with everyone working different shifts."

She said the council is developing plans to offer trips and start developing different events for the membership's small base of single and geographical bachelors.

"Attending the conference gave me ideas on how to develop sponsors and gave me

ideas for reviving the program," said the 21-year-old native of Hillsboro, Ore. "It will take a while to get it back up and going like other BOSS programs in the 80th Area Support Group."

She said the council is developing an Independence Day celebration as one of its first events as well as combining with SHAPE/Chièvres' BOSS program with events offered at larger installations.

"Hopefully, we will make it interesting enough so single Soldiers will want to come to our events," she said.



Photo: J.D. Hardesty

**Spec. Anastacia Plancarte is helping to revive the Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers program.**

### NSA Brussels Calendar

**Metro Madness Outing,** June 17, 9:25 a.m.-2:30 p.m., ACS Bldg. 4, top floor.. Info: DSN 368-9729.

**Special Topics Workshop,** June 18, 2-5 p.m., 4th of July crafts at the NSA Multi Crafts Center. Info: DSN 368-9629.

**3-Star Lounge Soul Food/R&B Night,** June 18, 8 p.m., and *R&B/Share a Soul Food Dish Night*, June 25, 8 p.m. *Right Arm Night*, July 1, 5-7 p.m. Info: DSN368-9822.

**NSA Independence Day Celebration,** Brussels American High School (NSA Sterrebeek), July 2, noon-6 p.m.

Event starts with 5K run/walk at 7:15 a.m., soccer game, 11 a.m., and a softball tournament at 1 p.m. Other events scheduled. Info: DSN 368-9639.

**Kids Art Camp,** every Friday from July 1-Aug. 26, 10a.m. - 1 p.m., NSA Multi Crafts Center (registration required). Info: DSN 368-9629.

### SHAPE / Chièvres Local Calendar

**Chièvres Library Summer Reading Program,** June 20-July 29. Info: DSN 361-5767.

**Prime Time Lounge** - "Cook-your-own" steak night, June 3, starting 6 p.m., \$13 or euro 13. The PTL is on Daumerie Caserne. Info: DSN 361-5540.

**Thom Shepherd Country Band** - free live show, June 18 on SHAPE; and June 19 at AAFES Parking Lot on Chièvres Air Base. Both concerts start 3 p.m. Info: DSN 3615589.

**Senior NCO Safety Orientation Course** is in Chièvres, July 6-8. To sign up contact Rudy Magain, DSN 361-5561, or

rudy.magain@benelux.army.mil; or Patricia Lobert, 361-5535, or patricia.lobert@benelux.army.mil.

**Summer reading program** kick-off party, June 21, 1-4 p.m., Chièvres Library, Chièvres Air Base.

**Creative Critters** childrens program (ages 4-8) at Chievres Library every Friday starting June 24. Info: DSN 361-6013.

**"Le Plan Incline de Ronquieres"** a special cultural adaptation trip sponsored by Army Community Service's relocation program is a large boat lift located between Charleroi

and Brussels. Transportation is provide. Info: DSN 423-4332.

**4th of July Celebration** on SHAPE, July 2 from noon-11:30 p.m. Morale, Welfare and Recreation is still looking for talents for the SHAPE/Chièvres Idol Contest (Karakoe). Prizes. Info: DSN 361-5589.

**The United States Army Publications Distribution Center, Europe** will host a web-based publications management training session, Digital Training Facility in Chièvres, June 28 & 29 (time TBD) for publication managers. Info: DSN 314-384-6893 or civ: 0621-730-6893.

# USAG Schinnen Tri-Border News

## New Army claims policy on private insurance

Military families move often and when preparing to do PCS moves, Soldiers and civilians are often concerned on how well their goods are packed and how to prevent damages to their furniture, computers and other treasures.

"But my computer really was worth \$4,000! And it was brand new when I shipped it! It's not my fault that the movers stole it! No, I have no receipts. I have no pictures, owner's manuals, or other independent proof of ownership or value. But why isn't my word good enough?"

"Unfortunately, we hear such statements from individuals who have received less than what they were entitled to under the military claims system," said Mr. Reggy Krijgsman, Claims Adjuster, The Netherlands Law Center. "The answer to their question is in the legal authority that allows us to pay claims of service members and civilian employees."

The Personnel Claims Act authorizes payment for **substantiated** losses incurred incident to military service or employment. Like an itemized tax deduction or TDY expense, you must be able to substantiate a loss and its value. It is difficult, and sometimes impossible, to substantiate a loss or its value after the loss occurs if you are not prepared.

Your personal property is insured while it is being transported or stored at government expense, and military members/civilians do not have to purchase private insurance, however, if the loss would be significant, the Army would not be able to pay the full amount of the loss.

"The Army has limits on both the total amount that it can pay under the Personnel Claims Act and on the maximum amount that it will pay for many items, such as jewelry, furniture and works of art," said Krijgsman. "The Army will usually not pay more than \$40,000 on a claim, although we can pay up to \$100,000 if the loss occurs under extraordinary circumstances."

A new Army claims policy on private insurance became effective May 26, 2004, for all branches of the military. If you have a private insurance policy

that covers all or part of your loss, you **do not** have to file with your private insurance company before you can be paid by the Army, **IF** your claim is for a loss or damage to your personal property while it was being transported or stored at government expense.

"This is a change to the past policy," said Krijgsman. "The change is limited to this type of claim, because we can usually recover the amount paid to the claimant from the carrier or warehouse that is responsible for the loss or damage."

On all other types of claims for loss or damage incident to service (e.g. theft, vandalism, loss in quarters) **must** be filed with your private insurance before you can be paid by the Army. If you do not file with your private insurance for these types of losses, you will not be paid by the Army for any item for which your private insurance might have paid.

"You may not be paid by both the Army and your private insurance company for the same item," Krijgsman said. "This would be unjust enrichment and possibly fraud."

When you file a claim with the Army, you assign (i.e. transfer) your right to seek payment from anyone for any items that are on your Army claim. Then you must tell the Army, under penalty of perjury, whether you have filed a claim with a private insurance company. "If you have, you will have to tell us how much the insurance company paid and for which items they paid," said Krijgsman.

According to Krijgsman, if you are paid for an item by the Army and then file with the insurance company, the insurance company may pay you, but the Army will learn about this second payment.

Insurance companies, after paying claims for goods lost during government shipments or storage, report to the Army what they have paid so that the Army can recover that amount from the responsible carrier or warehouse on their behalf. "Eventually, we always find out and can sometimes collect the money directly out of their pay," said Krijgsman.

If you elect not to file against your private insurance, then

you generally will have to accept the settlement of your claim with the Army as your full compensation. If you are in doubt on the best way to make a claim, you should file and settle a claim with your insurance company first, for the items that are covered by your policy, and then file your claim with the Army for the remaining items.

Why would you file with your private insurance, if you don't have to? If you have a catastrophic loss (loss of or damage to the majority of personal belongings), it is possible that you will not be fully compensated by the Army. There are limits on both the total amount that the Army can pay (\$40,000) in most cases) and limits on how much we will pay for most types of property. The Army will usually not pay more than \$3,000 for any item of furniture or more than \$4,000 for any computer, its software, and accessory equipment. Be sure to check your insurance policy for similar limits imposed by your insurance company.

Private insurance companies may pay you more than the Army will pay, especially if your policy includes a pro-

vision or endorsement that requires the insurance company to pay full replacement value (i.e. new-for-old) rather than the fair market (i.e. depreciated) replacement value.

Private insurance may pay for items for which the Army will not pay you. The Army will not pay for items that are purchased or used for a private business, however, they will try and recover for those items from the carrier. If successful, that amount will be sent to the claimant, but it may take several months. If these items are covered by your personal insurance policy, you will probably receive payment faster from your insurance company.

If you have both lost and damaged items, you would have to file two claims, one with your insurance and one with the Army, to be fully compensated. It may be easier and faster just to file a single claim with the Army, if you are willing to accept the depreciated replacement cost for the lost or destroyed items.

If your loss is relatively small or is only for a few damaged items, you usually will be adequately paid by the Army. Insurance coverage should be used to pay for relatively large

losses that are not likely to be paid full by the Army.

When your personal property is delivered, note obvious loss or damage on DD Form 1840 ("pink or orange form"). Be sure to list the inventory number, name of the item, type of damage, approximate cost, and estimate the total amount of your loss/damage in block 14c. You and the carrier will sign and date the DD Form 1840, and the carrier will leave three copies with you.

For all types of moves you have 70 calendar days from the date of delivery to list additional loss/damage on the back of DD Form 1840 (DD Form 1840R) and present it to the Claims Office. When you turn in the DD Form 1840, claims personnel will give you the appropriate instruction packet and forms for filing your claim. You have two years from the delivery date to file your claim.

The Army claims system was established to reimburse claimants for losses suffered incident to service, and the Claims Office is there to assist you 'the claimant' and to pay valid claims. Contact them at DSN 364-6211 or comm. (0)45 563-6211 if you have any questions.

## Tri-Border Girl Scouts hold Bridging Ceremony

Girl Scouts from The Netherlands, Germany and Belgium participated in a ceremony Sunday, June 5, at U.S. Army Garrison Schinnen Sports Field, where special recognition was given to those who have achieved program goals and others were advanced to the next scouting level.

It was the first time in several years that the Silver Award, the highest award a Girl Scout Cadet can achieve, and the Bronze Award, the highest award a Junior Girl Scout can achieve were given. Cadet Elizabeth Crate received the Silver Award and Junior Scouts Kayla Krall, Serena Scott, Morgaine Scott, Kelly Rene, Jessica Argonza, April Carbone, and Maya Ballard received the Bronze Award.

Girls Scouts move through age levels of scouting gaining maturity, experience, wisdom and friendship. Representing their move to the next level,



Photo by Sylvia Bowron

**Cadets, Girl Scouts, Brownies and Daisies say the Pledge of Allegiance at the opening of the Bridging Ceremony at the Schinnen Sports Field.**

each scout crosses a bridge during the Bridging Ceremony. The crossing symbolizes not only their moving to the next level, but also as they leave the friends they have made, the bridge links them to the new friends they will meet.

Guests of honor presenting the special awards were Maj. Gen. Gary Harrell, Senior U.S.

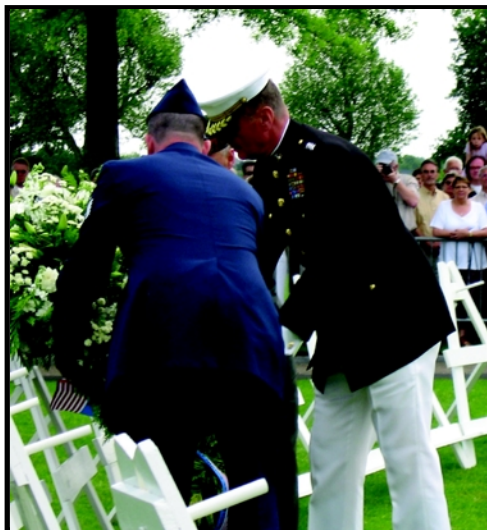
Military Representative in the Netherlands, and Lt. Col. Angela Cummings, Commander, AFNORTH Battalion, U.S. Army NATO, Allied Joint Force Command, Brunssum, The Netherlands.

The ceremony ended with the scouts, leaders and families and friends singing the Girl Scout song "Make New Friends."



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## The Netherlands remembers ..



Photos by Kent Garcia

Left, Lt. Col. Rick Richardson, USAG Schinnen Commander and Mayor Beckers of Schinnen walk with escorts to place wreaths at Memorial Day Service at Margraten Cemetery, The Netherlands. Right, Gen. Jones places wreath at Memorial Day Service at Margraten Cemetery, The Netherlands.

Members of U.S. Army Garrison, Schinnen and the Royal Netherlands Armed Forces participated in a Memorial Day Service, Sunday, May 29 at The Netherlands American Cemetery, Margraten, The Netherlands. American and Dutch citizens came together to

honor the men and women laid to rest on that hallowed ground, who gave their lives for the freedom of others.

Various military officials and dignitaries from around the world attended the ceremony along with

thousands of citizens who came to honor those soldiers who paid the ultimate price for freedom.

The Honorable Clifford M. Sobel, U.S. Ambassador to The Netherlands, paid homage to the 8,301 American men and women buried at Margraten. He reflected on the visit of President George W. Bush to Margraten on May.

"He was the first American president to visit Margraten," said Sobel. "The President of the United States, a child of 'the greatest generation' looked over the crosses and the stars and perhaps thought of his own father, a navy combat pilot at 18, shot down at sea," Sobel reflected.

Sobel continued by speaking of his own father, a major in the Army who fought, lived and even sat next to him three years ago at Margraten.

The president said, "There is no power like the power of freedom, and, no Soldier as strong as a Soldier who fights for that freedom."

Sobel quoting Queen Juliana at the dedication of Margraten in 1960, said, "They will always abide with us", and we still feel that today.

## 2005 PCS season expected to be busier than normal summer season moving

**Grafenwoehr, Germany** - The summer season is always the busiest moving season, and the most challenging time to perform a Permanent Change of Station (PCS) action.

This year, in particular, the Transportation Office anticipates a busier-than-usual PCS summer. In some communities, the high volume of Soldiers and families leaving are causing challenges in the shipment of household goods (HHG) and privately owned vehicles and they are asking for your help

and understanding as they begin this year's summer surge.

Here are some tips for getting through this challenging time.

Try to get to the local transportation office about 45-days before you would like to move. Don't wait until the last minute. If you get your orders with less than 45-days, go to the transportation office as soon as you receive them.

It is important to try and remain flexible with your HHG pick-up dates. You can request what you want, but plan for

some alternate dates and be prepared to accept them. In a normal PCS season, you can almost always get the pick-up date that you wanted. However, that may not be possible this summer.

Look out for your fellow Army families. If you want to report early to your next duty station, you may be asked to defer your pick-up until a later date to make room for a family that must leave earlier. Don't disregard this request unless you have a compelling reason to

report early at your next duty station.

It is advised to get a confirmed HHG pick-up date **before** you make other plans. Do not book your airplane tickets to your next duty station. You may not want to make your vacation plans until you know when your HHGs will be picked up. Remember, you may not get the pick-up date that you were expecting, and that might force you to change your travel plans.

Be prepared to wait a little

longer for your HHG to be delivered once you arrive at your next duty station. It is expected that this summer's challenges will be experienced worldwide.

Finally, try to remember that the local transportation office staff want to help you. They may not be able to give you exactly what you want this summer. Things usually work out if everyone keeps a cool head and work together. For more information contact the Transportation Office at 360-7481.

## AFAP provides update to issues from March conference

The Army Family Action Plan conference held March 10-11 discussed many issues affecting members of the Tri-border community. Sheila Lee, AFAP coordinator, provides the following update and more will be publicized to the community as they evolve.

The 80th Area Support Group Steering Committee meeting comprised of Col. Nowowiejski, commander, and the committee members recommended five issues from Schinnen to be forwarded to the Army in Europe AFAP conference in May 22-26. The issues are: Exclude COLA in Computation of Childcare Center Fees in Europe; Es-

tablishment of Career Incentive Proficiency Pay to Enhance Retention; Discrepancy between Pacific and European Regions Space-A Leave Category; Compensation for Active Duty Coaches; Treatment Availability for EFMP Family Members in Europe.

Five other issues will be worked on at 80th ASG and more than 50 issues will be worked here at the 254th BSB. Responses to two of those issues are as follows.

The first issue is regarding the requirement of passports for PCS. The question was, with the new Netherlands law requiring everyone (14-plus)

to have a passport, shouldn't the military be furnishing individual service members with this required documentation prior to PCS where a passport is not optional?

The AFAP group recommendation was to require all military personnel to be issued passports upon receiving orders to these unique locations as it is an expensive and time consuming task to accomplish once you have PCS'd to these locations. Most state-side Military Processing Facilities (MPFs) will tell you that a passport is not required for the move, but now it is mandatory, which should justify the

need to fix this issue.

Passport agent, Joyce Ullrey, responded with the fact that passports **are not** required for soldiers unless they are traveling to non-NATO countries. This has not changed. Local Dutch Police confirmed that Soldiers **do not** have to have a passport to enter the Netherlands. Soldiers are required to have their military ID card and a copy of their orders. All civilians are required to have their U.S. Passport when entering The Netherlands.

There is no reason for the U.S. Government to issue U.S. passports to sol-

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Photo by Sylvia Bowron

**Top: Sgt. Edith Sedli, left, holds the D.A.R.E. football as William Strauss, Deputy Garrison Commander, USAG Schinnen presents top honors medal to Bailen Jean-Jacques as Mrs. Audrey Griffin applauds.**

## D.A.R.E.



## JFC Alliance Theater

**June 17, 7:30 p.m. *The Upside of Anger***, Starring Joan Allen, Kevin Costner. Rated R. Terry is left to raise her four headstrong daughters when her husband unexpectedly disappears. Things get even more hectic when she falls for her neighbor Denny, a once-great baseball star turned radio D.J.

**June 18, 4 p.m. *Fever Pitch***, Starring Drew Barrymore, Jimmy Fallon. Rated PG-13. When Lindsey a big time executive meets funny and charming high school teacher Ben they hit it off until Lindsey realizes Ben is a Red Sox fan. As baseball season proceeds, the truly obsessive nature of Ben's hobby is revealed, and a love triangle is set up in which baseball plays the role of the other woman.

**7 p.m. *Hostage***, Starring Bruce Willis, Kevin Pollak. Rated R. Jeff Talley, a former LAPD hostage negotiator, has moved himself away from his failed career outside of Los Angeles, and away from his wife and daughter. When a convenience store robbery goes wrong on his turf, the three perpetrators move in on an unsuspecting family.

**June 24, 7:30 p.m. *King's Ransom***, starring Anthony Anderson, Leila

## D.A.R.E. students graduate

Students of AFNORTH International Elementary School received special recognition and certificates of appreciation June 6, at a D.A.R.E. Graduation Ceremony in the school auditorium.

Sgt. Edith Sedli, D.A.R.E. Officer, U.S. Army Garrison Schinnen has been visiting classes with a special curriculum to teach kids how to recognize and resist the direct and subtle pressures that influence them to experiment with alcohol, tobacco, marijuana, and other drugs.

The program is delivered by Sedli and includes one lesson per week for 17 consecutive weeks. The class teacher is present to help supplement classroom activities. Sedli uses a variety of teaching techniques such as question and answer, group discussion, role-play and workbook exercises. The program is designed to provide students with the skills they need to resist peer pressure to use drugs and join gangs in their adolescent years.

At the end of the program, the sixty-four M-2 students were asked to write an essay on 'What I learned in D.A.R.E. and how I will use it later in life'. The top six essays submitted by Mariah Clark, Marc Bouchard, Morgan DuFour, Paul Munoz-Cook and Jeylon

Arcieri. Rated PG-13. Malcolm is a wealthy and arrogant businessman whose soon to be ex-wife has plans to take him for everything he's worth in their divorce settlement. Determined to avoid losing his fortune to her, Malcolm plans his own kidnapping with the help of his dim-witted mistress and her ex-con brother. Unfortunately for Malcolm, he is not the only one with a kidnapping plot.

**June 25, 4 p.m. *Sahara***, Starring Matthew McConaughey, Penelope Cruz. Rated PG-13. Master explorer Dirk takes on the adventure of his life when he embarks on a treasure hunt through some of the most dangerous regions of North Africa. Searching for what locals call "The Ship of Death", a long lost Civil War battleship filled with coins, Pitt and his wisecracking sidekick use their wits and clever heroics to help Doctor Eva Rojas who believes the ship may be linked to mysterious deaths in the very same area.

**7 p.m. *Be Cool***, Starring John Travolta, Uma Thurman. Rated PG-13. Chili Palmer sees a friend killed while he's at lunch, and when he visits the wife of the deceased, he pitches himself as her new business partner, hoping to enter the music industry.

Bardell where honor graduates with Bailen Jean-Jacques receiving the top award. Along with his certificate, Jean-Jacques received a medal and the coveted D.A.R.E. football. Mr. William Strauss, Deputy Garrison Commander, U.S.A.G. Schinnen, assisted in the distribution of the awards and was also guest speaker for the event.

Sgt. Sedli bid her classes' goodbye and invited them to have some "graduation cake" before returning to class.

## Briefly speaking

### Motorcycle Safety Course offered

The USAG Schinnen offers a Motorcycle Safety Foundation (MSF) Experienced Rider Course June 22, at the HQ JFC Brunssum Sports Field park-

ing lot from 7:30 a.m. – 1 p.m. Additional dates can be scheduled upon request.

In accordance with AE Regulation 190-1, successful completion of the MSF Course is required in order to obtain a U.S. Forces drivers license for a motorcycle.

Appointments for MSF Class are mandatory and can be made by contacting the USAG Schinnen Drivers Testing Station, DSN: 360-7433 or comm.0031 (0)46 443-7433.

### Blues Night at International Inn

The Joint Forces Command (JFC) Brunssum Area Support Group, NATO Support Services will be hosting Blues Night at the International Inn, Brunssum featuring Lynwood Slim and the Bluescrowns. The show is at 9 p.m. June 17.

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diers when they are sent to NATO countries. If a soldier chooses to have a tourist passport while they are overseas, it is up to the individual to obtain this passport. Family members/U.S. Government civilians are required to have a passport when entering any country outside of the United States. It is for this reason that the U.S. Government provides a no-fee/official passport to these individuals. It is highly recommended that in addition to a no-fee passport, family members/U.S. Government civilians also obtain a tourist passport for their tourist travel. All civilians, ages 14-plus living in The Netherlands are required to carry their Dutch Alien Registration Card and their U.S. ID Card. If the individual U.S. civilian/family member age 14-plus lives outside of The Netherlands, a U.S. passport is required when entering The Netherlands.

The Price of U.S. Passports has increased and the new charges area as follows: Passport renewals for individuals under 16 and first time applicants, \$82.00; first time applicants over the age 16, \$97.00; renewals for those over 16, \$67.00.

Another topic brought to the attention of the committee concerned the issue to include civilians in the Family Readiness Group. A community member submitted the following issue and recommendation.

American civilians not sponsored by a Soldier who work on the USAG Schinnen are not included in many of the family events or functions planned for military families here on Schinnen. Many of us see and hear on AFN that civilians are a part of the military community and part of the Family Readiness Group (FRG); yet we are not sent invitations or invited to attend FRG meetings. Many civilians coming from

the States who are not sponsored by a Soldier are not assigned a sponsor and are left feeling isolated and lonely until they meet or make friends here in the Netherlands.

The member submitting this concern would like to see American civilian employees who are not sponsored by a soldier get invitations and made to feel a part of the Schinnen Family Readiness Group. Another recommendation was to invite DoD civilians to meetings and ask them to take part in special events and fundraising activities citing that this will not only make non-military sponsored civilians feel as if they are part of the community not only on a business level but on a personal level as well.

Capt. Jayson Spangler, Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, Commander, gave the following response, "There are no events on post limited to military families and do not see that this is a big issue on Schinnen. As far as the USAG Schinnen Family Readiness Group (FRG) is concerned, FRG is a HHD function. As HHD Commander, I am responsible to, and for, the soldiers and family members of HHD. The FRG exists to support U.S. Army soldier FRG needs by regulation and that is its primary purpose. Civilians will not be excluded if they desire to be a part of the FRG but the focus will remain on soldiers. Joint Forces Command (JFC) Brunssum has a U.S. spouse's club that is open to all U.S. spouses regardless if they are military or not.

"On the subject of sponsorship, sponsorship should be up to the section that the individual will work in. Unfortunately, I do not have the manpower to sponsor GS employees. I suggest that individual sections get more involved with newly hired civilians" Spangler concluded.



SHAPE American School

Class of 2005 graduates 82 students from 16 countries

By Jan Fillman

The majestic Gothic church that is Ste. Waudrau Collegiale in downtown Mons, Belgium was the setting for the SHAPE High School graduation June 9th.

The Class of 2005 includes 82 graduates from 16 NATO nations.

Class President Steven A. Beckman, Jr. welcomed the family and friends of the graduates.



Dana Smith  
Valedictorian

His address included a moving parallel to the events of 9/11 in the United States. “Like them, our world was turned upside down by the events of that day. Where once all the gates were open with no IDs necessary, we now bring our IDs everywhere. Where once some of us worried if our Dads would make it home on time from the office, many of us have had to worry if they would make it home at all from Afghanistan or Iraq.”

His comments summed up the lasting impact of terrorism for his class. “That tragic day, four years ago in the USA will be imprinted on us forever. It is an age-old graduation cliché to say that we want to go forth and make a better world. Here today in the heart of Europe, we, children of the world’s most important alliance, and many of us grandchildren of the liberators of Europe and the world 60 years ago, have witnessed what the dark side of men’s souls can do. We ask for your thoughts and prayers as we go forth after this day, for this class of 2005, the SHAPE class of 9/11, as we honestly work to build a world that looks to the “better angels of our natures.”

Beckman will attend the United States Military Academy at West Point.

Graduation speaker Brigadier Simon Porter echoed Beckman’s comments with an exhortation “not to be sucked into the me-first society.” He also advised the graduates to “reflect on the support you’ve received from those here tonight, as it is one of the truly important things in life to be grateful for their love.”

The tributes that night included comments by the valedictorian, Dana Smith. She will attend the University of Maryland (Honors Research Program) and she will major in computer engineering.

Christine Handley, a Canadian citizen who will attend Dalhousie University in Nova Scotia, is the class salutatorian. She intends to prepare for a law degree and to become a lawyer.



Christine Handley  
Salutatorian

SHAPE American High School  
Senior Class Awards

SHAPE American High School held its annual senior class awards assembly June 7 in the SHAPE Cinema.

The 82 seniors, representing 16 countries from our NATO alliance, received many honors and awards, including over \$35,000 in scholarships awarded by the SHAPE Scholarship Committee.

A special presentation this year was a unique video production put together by class member Chase Stricklan and viewed on the cinema screen. His work recorded each senior’s introduction of themselves and their future plans. The special video will also be given to each senior on a CD to remember for years to come.

Col. Dean Nowowiejski, commander of the 80th Area Support Group, welcomed three graduates to the “Long Gray Line” of the United States Military Academy.

Steven Beckman and Richard Rendon received appointments to West Point and Joseph Puttmann will first attend the Military Academy Prep School. Other awardees included:

**SHAPE Officer Association** award for scholarship: Madison Leftwich, 250 Euro

**SACEUR’s Award for Community Service and Leadership:** Laura Fitzgerald

**European Council of International Schools** award: Christine Handley

**SHAPE /Chievres Air Force Sergeants’ Association:** Maria Shelton, \$500

**SHAPE High School Athlete of the Year:** Richard Rendon and Madison Leftwich

**SHAPE Athletic Officials Association Award:** Richard Rendon, \$250

**DECA/Fisher House** Scholarship: Laura Fitzgerald, \$1,500

**Phi Delta Kappa** Scholarship: Laura Fitzgerald, \$500

**80<sup>th</sup> ASG Youth of the Year Presidential Freedom** Scholarship: Laura Fitzgerald, \$1,000

**Presidential Freedom** Scholarship: Alyssa Lyke, \$1,000

**SHAPE Scholarship Committee awards from \$100 to \$500 each to:** Marvin Coombs, Vernon Fowler, Tiffany Victoria Kearney, Rod Calhoun, Ian Cummings, Kyle Geesaman, Curtis Green, Cristel McGee, Santiago Pelochi, Margret Proper, James Roberts, Sebastian Selent, Ashley Williams, Matt Anderson, Yvonne Dorrington, Maria Shelton, Jan Luksa, Ioannis Petsas, Chase Stricklan, Ariane Birdjandi, and Sonny Lopez.

**From \$750 to \$1,500:** Joshua Gray, Anthony DesRoches, Carlyn Kuzell, Morgan Lam, Alyssa Lyke, Courtney Padgett, Inga Petraityte, Anna Zalewska, Ben Frank, Kamen Kraev, Natalie Essad, and Brittany Simmons;

**From \$2,000 to \$2,500:** Sean Corcoran, Laura Fitzgerald, and Jennifer Leone

**For \$3,000:** Christine Handley, Madison Leftwich, and Dana Smith

Also, special \$500 limited Scholarship Committee awards were presented to U.S. Military Academy appointees Richard Rendon, Steven Beckman, and Joseph Puttmann.

The 2005 President’s Education Award for scholastic achievement went to: Brian Desroches, Morgan Lam, Dana Smith, Sean Corcoran, Christine Handley, Richard Rendon, Madison Leftwich, Steven Beckman, Brittany Simmons, Ben Frank, Jen Leone, Kamen Kraev, and Laura Fitzgerald.

Joshua Gray received a full-tuition Army ROTC scholarship to attend Texas A&M University.

SHAPE American High School  
Graduation Class of 2005

Matthew David Anderson	Curtis Michael Green	Bryan Adam Murray	Maria Esabel
Sean William Anderson	Christine Elizabeth Handley	Eszter Nemeth	Shelton
Steven Andrew Beckman, Jr.	Kristian Heather Mae Hawkins	Aybike Oguz	Brittany Diane
Ariane Michelle Birdjandi	Brian Eugene Hurdlow	Grzegorz Olszewski	Simmons
Patrick Anthony Boudreau	Kara Susanne Kappenman	Serena Orgiu	Dana Kay Smith
Rodderick Eugene Calhoun	Tiffany Victoria Kearney	Roman Oujezdsky	Yasmeen Miori
Marvin Stewart Coombs, Jr.	Xenia Kisantal	Courtney Rae Padgett	Stevenson
Elizabeth Louise Corcoran	Yigit Kocak	Santiago Ibanez	Chase Logan
Sean Patrick Corcoran	Katarzyna Aleksandra Kolator	Beatriz Perez Sanchez	Stricklan
Ian Rowe Cummings	Elena Kostovska	Stian Petersen	Matthew John
Susanna Della Sala	Karolina Paulina Kozlowska	Inga Petraityte	Tatman
Nathalie Desourdie	Kamen Ivelinov Kraev	Ioannis Ilias Petsas	Lisa Ilse Taylor
Anthony Luis Desroches	Carolyn Janine Kuzell	Shannon Elizabeth Poet	David Lee VanDyke
Yvonne Adelheid Dorrington	Morgan Elaine Lam	Margret Eleanore Proper	Nana Kjolhede
Lukas Doubravsky	Christina Rae Lamphear	Joseph Ambrose Puttmann	Vesterager
Brett Lawrence Edholm	Madison Leftwich	Filippos Marios Raditsas	Justin Alan
Natalie Caroline Essad	Jennifer Lucia Mary Leone	Kodiak Christopher Reed	Wheatley
Laura Jane Fitzgerald	Sonny James Lopez	Stephanie Marie Regis	Ashley Diamond
Vernon Lee Fowler, Jr.	Jan Luksa	Richard Andrew Rendon	Williams
Benjamin Earl Frank	Alyssa Renee Lyke	James Owen Roberts	Anna Zalewska
Kyle Tyson Geesaman	Christel Rosebie McGee	Lisa Kim Scholfield	Christian Edward
Matthew Gregory Gomez	Pawel Mikutel	Sebastian Andreas Selent	Zambrana
Joshua Keith Gray	Kirsten Molthoff	Suzanne Marie Sheffield	